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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether the Superintendent employed agents to find out those purchasers ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am not aware of it."

Labour

Employment of trained students in the Perambur Industrial School.

* 240 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for the employment of the boys after they have left the Perambur Industrial School ?

A.—The Commissioner of Labour has been taking steps to secure employment for the boys and has placed some 18 boys in firms in Madras. He has recently stated that considerable difficulty is felt in the matter and has promised to submit proposals. They are awaited.

Police

Revision of the rules regarding the collection of subscription for police sports.

* 241 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the rules governing the collection and expenditure of subscriptions from the public in aid of the district police sports have been revised and if so, in what manner ?

A.—The question of revising the existing rules is under the consideration of Government.

Regulation of Betting and Gambling

Legislation to prohibit bucket shops.

* 242 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to introduce a Bill to prohibit bucket shops in the province ;

(*b*) if so, when ; and

(*c*) if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Bill is not yet ready and the Government are at present unable to say when exactly it will be introduced.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know the reason for this extraordinary delay in introducing a Bill, which, I am sure, the Government realizes is very important and very urgent ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The Government are as anxious as the hon. Member that the Bill should be introduced at an early date. We had to refer the Bill after drafting to various officers of Government. That has been done, and it is now being examined by Government. I shall hurry it up."